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MICHIGAN STATE NEWS.

—A Knights of Pythias Lodge is being organized at Alma.
—The Odd Fellows of Sicksels have bought Sicksels' Hall for \$600.
—At Clare, Dr. Lansing has been held in \$1,500 bonds for conspiring to murder Dr. Todd.
—Nearly all the clover in the vicinity of Paw Paw has been killed by the recent cold weather.
—A. D. Clark, superintendent of Neff's shingle mill at Harrison, was found dead in bed from poison.
—Capitalists of Clinton County hold 708 mortgages on Gratiot County farms amounting to \$963,356.
—Marquette wants the General Government to spend \$100,000 for the extension of the breakwater at that port.
—Secretary Storrs, of the State Board of Charities, has ready for distribution the proceedings of the Convention of the Board and of County Agents at Alma in December last.
—Henry J. Andre, of Centerville, aged about 3 years, was playing with a jack-knife Thursday morning, and in some manner the sharp point penetrated his eye, wholly destroying his sight.
—There will be a reunion of the Third Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Cavalry, and Battery 6, Third Michigan Artillery, at Owosso, April 25, 1888. There will be a business meeting in the afternoon and a banquet in the evening.
—It is said by some who have made an examination that 99-100ths of the upland mint roots have been killed by the recent cold weather. This would seem to be almost welcome news to those engaged in growing the product who have lately been obliged to sell their oil at \$1.45 per pound.
—There is a woman in Argentine Township, Genesee County, who has terrorized the whole neighborhood. She keeps loaded arms in her house to shoot any one who may try to arrest her; her landlord can collect no rent, and no one dares refuse her anything she asks for, for fear that she will kill them or set fire to their houses.
—T. W. Whitney, attorney for Edward R. Palmer of Alma, who is charged with murdering his wife, has made a motion to have the case set over to the June term instead of being tried at a special term in April. The motion is made on the ground that Mr. Brown, an important witness for the defense, is absent.

—Seven hundred and fifty-four woodchucks were reported to the Town Clerk of Oxford as having fallen by the wayside during the past year in that township, and over one hundred crows have yielded up the sponge. They evidently had "caws" to stop breathing. Fifteen cents apiece was paid for the scalps of woodchucks, and ten cents for crows.
—The Superintendent of the Jacksonville (Ill.) State Institute for the Blind died recently, and the management have paid ex-Superintendent McElroy, of the Michigan Blind School, the high compliment of not only requesting him by letter to accept the position, but also urged him by wire not to decline until he had fully considered the proposition.
—When Senator Palmer was in Marquette during the campaign of '86 he wandered out of a butcher-shop without setting his bill, and it was not until recently that the Senator learned of his careless trick. He wrote his creditor that while he was without doubt a mighty hard citizen he didn't propose to shave his barber, and inclosed a bright new \$1 green-back.
—Longwell brothers, George and Matt, have become owners of one-half of the Paw Paw flouring mill and they intend to remodel the property and convert it into a first-class, modern rolling mill. If they do so, the property will once more become as valuable and profitable as in the days of yore. It is a shame that Paw Paw has allowed almost every village in the county to acquire superior milling facilities while she, once noted for taking the lead in that regard, has been steadily retreating.

—The Register of the United States Land Office at Marquette, S. E. Byrne, is busily engaged in sending out notices to all persons having applications on file that the Commissioner of the General Land Office has decided that the lands in odd-numbered sections within the common limits of the grants for the Ontonagon and State Line and the Marquette and State Line Railroad Companies, and which are not covered by claims of record, are subject to pre-emption and homestead entry. These lands are all in Iron County, and the applications on file run back as far as 1881.
—Two years ago a couple with a boy and girl lived in the outskirts of Ashley. They went by the name Brigham, and residents knew but little of them. They moved away by wagon, and that is the last that is remembered of them. Recently Sheriff Pettit received a letter from Howard City stating that a girl there by the name of Ida Hall, aged 15 years, was witness to a murder in Ashley. Sheriff Pettit went to Howard City and obtained the girl. The story is to the effect that the man was not married to her mother, and that one day a stranger came there and played cards with Brigham; that they quarreled, and that Brigham kicked the stranger to death and hid the corpse under the bed until night, when he caused her and her brother to hold a lantern while he buried the body at the stump of a tree. A few days after they moved by wagon towards New Haven, camping out, and deserted the boy near Kirby Hollow. Sheriff Pettit found the boy near Carson City, and he told precisely the same story as that of the girl. Pettit took both to Ashley, where they identified the spot fully, but no trace can be found of the body. The girl has lost track of her mother but thinks she became insane and is in an asylum.

A PROPHECY.
Soon the crack of the bat and the bounding ball will tickle our hearts with glee.
As the crowd yells at the umpire's call,
As if he had been set free.
Then "batting three-baggers" will be in style,
And "clean home runs" will be ripe.



And "the bats" will startle us once in a while
With a "regular blizzard" swipe.
The papers will print long columns of stuff,
But the ball-cranks will cry for more,
While the women will skip the whole thing in a huff,
For they can't understand the score.
The lawyer will yell at the local nine
As wild as a crazy loon;
If you go to his office you'll find the sign:
"In court for the afternoon."
The man of business his ears tortoise,
While he howls at a three-base hit;
The sharpers will keep an eye on the bats,
But the peasant will go out West.
For the crack of the bat and the bounding ball
Men love with the keenest zest,
And the triumphs pursued will baffle next fall,
But the peasant will go out West.
—Somerville Journal.

BEHIND THEIR BACKS.

BY MARY K. F. HATCH.
Theophilus Smith has invented a wonderful instrument. It has not yet been patented, owing to an accident which I shall mention later on, and so, out of loyalty to my friend, who expects to realize a large return from the invention, I shall not describe it fully, but will give a brief sketch of the occasion when it was tested.
A slight preamble, however, is necessary. Doubtless every thinking person has, at some period of his life, puzzled himself over the electric communication or responsiveness of mind as well as of matter. For instance, it frequently happens that thinking deeply of a person is the forerunner of meeting him, and finding that he has been engrossed with thoughts of your-

sponge-cake instead of fruit. Did you observe the cake-basket, Edwin? I am sure it was placed, and that dress she wore was made over! I know it, and without a bit of anything new. How can folks live so?
Mrs. Smith's face was crimson; but Theophilus was jubilant.
"Mrs. White to a T! Pass on to Mrs. Black, my dear. I shall have to use your mind, for I could not bring mine in unison with gossip," which, don't you see, was saying that his wife could.

Mrs. Black and her husband began life without a dollar and worked their way to a comfortable fortune. They were rather parsimonious, but this was owing, no doubt, to the rigid economy they had been obliged to practice in early life. It now appeared they were already conversing about their entertainment, for Mr. Black's words came directly:
"Such extravagance would ruin most men. I noticed Smith's real want doors to his library. He took me in after tea and showed me his books. Scientific men haven't a grain of sense—not a grain! Books enough to buy a house that would rent for five hundred a year!"

"Did you notice the biscuit?" asked his wife. "They were so rich they would drop to pieces off the plate. So much silver! and solid too; for Mrs. Smith thinks it is vulgar to use plated ware. She may see the time—"
"Now for Mrs. Gray," said my friend's wife, readjusting the current with a jerk. "She is neither extravagant nor the reverse. They are not rich and she makes a penny serve the turn of many. Her costumes are exquisite. She may think a trifle too much about such things; but she is very lovable and her husband adores her."
With powerful adaptability Mrs. Smith became in unison with Mrs. Gray.

"Poor Marion is such a dowdy! If there is any in this world I like, it is Marion Smith; but I never see her that I do not ache to fix her up. With her means, it is too bad that she has no more taste. The dress she had on cost enough to clothe me for three months; but how it looked! And her hair—oh, dear! I could draw it to look prettily. By some inadvertence I thrust my fingers instead of my palms toward the ball, which struck squarely on the end of this big finger. Of course, I dropped the ball, and it hit her on the nose and ran. That crack laid me up for two weeks. It shattered the bone and crushed the flesh so that blood flowed freely.
I have but one straight finger—the great finger of my left hand. Try it. My fingers were knocked out before I began to play professionally. The rest of the knobby, with the exception of the one I got in Pittsburgh, were given me by Corcoran. In addition there are several new and interesting features, prominent among which are the explanatory appendix to the newly revised code of playing rules, and the statistics of the series of contests for the world's championship. This is by far the best edition of the work that has been published, and its variety of information makes it both useful and interesting to professionals and amateurs alike.
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My hostess looked a little relieved, and likely, I thought, to listen awhile longer, so I said to her:
"Do not forget Mrs. Green, who, you know, is less likely to be a subject of electrical currents than the others. She seems to have scarcely any thought of her own at all. Rather insipid, though no doubt an excellent lady."
The first ejaculation of Mrs. Green, however, made us all jump, it was so unlike her usual languid tone.
"Good gracious!" and the instrument worked with fervor. "I've been thinking all the way home about that crowd of the Smiths. Talk about their high breeding! They are simply stupid. Mr. Smith seems to have his head in the clouds all the time. I like to be amused and if that old chicken that is there all the time hadn't eaten sance with his cake I should have gone to sleep. They say he was in love with Mrs. Smith before she married Theophilus. I wonder if Theophilus knows it! How ridiculous they act over that child of theirs, thinking he is so bright and forward and laughing at all his silly little speeches—actually bringing him, to sit at the table. Homely, too! Smith's nose and Brackett's chin is enough to spoil any child. You know we have always thought Ebenezer a little more backward than any other children; but land! he is ten times as smart as that child."

"Ebenezer, indeed!" exclaimed my friend's wife, jerking the machine with so much force that it fell from the table, saying, feebly, "Such fools!" no doubt the beginning of a new sentence by Mrs. Green.
"And I thought that woman weak," gasped my friend's wife.
"She spens anything but weak, and so do you," said Theophilus, ruefully, lifting up his machine, and seeing at a glance that it was broken.
"It will take a long time to repair this, for I can trust it to no hand but my own," said he. "The test has been all that could be desired, and rather more," he added.
"You'll be famous, Theophilus," I cried, with enthusiasm.
"Famous! Well, but if it breaks friendships, shall I be doing good?"
"Friendships!" repeated his wife.
"It will be a sort of society sifter," said I.
The machine has been repaired, and will make its appearance soon.
Theophilus showed it to Edison the other day.
"Smith," said he, "you have stolen my thunder."

DR. STEPHEN MACKENZIE, lecturer on medicine at the London Hospital, recommended half-grain doses of India hemp, morning and evening, as a remedy for persistent headache.

THE GREEN DIAMOND.

The Clubs Preparing for the Battle of 1888—The Clarkson Deal.
The Veteran Catcher of the Chicago Team—Spalding's Australian Tour.

[CHICAGO CORRESPONDENCE.]
The time in which the bells will sound for inaugural games upon every ball park in the country is not now far distant. Ere another fortnight has passed the teams of all our crack professional leagues and associations will have entered upon their pennant races, while commercial leagues, country leagues, and city leagues will be striving hard for the honor of victory in their respective organizations. Never before has public interest in the national game of the Americans been so widespread, and, judging from the make-up of the great teams in the League, American Association, and Western Association, the struggles of 1888 will be of a character well calculated to lay a foundation for increased interest one year later.
The manner in which the young blood of the big league teams has shown up in practice this spring is certainly most encouraging. Crane, Slatery, Foster, Hart, and Cleveland, of the New Yorks, have more than justified the expectations of their club managers. Hoy and Gardner, of Washington, have proven good ones, while Anson writes in the very highest terms of Clark, Farrell, Krook, Duffy, Hoover, and the balance of the bats now with him upon the Western and Southern trips. Baldwin and Van Halten are showing up splendidly, their improvement over last year's work being very noticeable.



FRANK FLINT.
"Old Hoss" Flint, the veteran catcher of the Chicago team, has a pair of hands that would make a street-car driver envious. Covered with knots and lumps, the result of foul tips and hard catching, they are things which when once seen can never be forgotten. "Larry Corcoran gave me most of these crooked digits," said Flint, as he looked at his big paws. "This battered finger" (pointing to the great finger of his right hand) "I got in Pittsburgh last season. It was in that famous fourteen-inning game, when Clarkson and Galvin were pitching like a house on fire. The Pittsburghs had a man on third, with one man out. A desperate play had to be made. Carroll, who was at bat, knocked a still ground ball to Burns, and the man on third made a dash for home. With one of his terrific wrist throws Burns sent the ball toward the plate in a straight line. I thought I could stop it, it came so straight and pretty. By some inadvertence I thrust my fingers instead of my palms toward the ball, which struck squarely on the end of this big finger. Of course, I dropped the ball, and it hit her on the nose and ran. That crack laid me up for two weeks. It shattered the bone and crushed the flesh so that blood flowed freely.
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The Spalding Base-Ball Guide for 1888 has been placed on sale. This is the twelfth edition of the work, which is a general recognition as an authority on all matters pertaining to the National League, containing, as it also does, its official statistics. In addition there are several new and interesting features, prominent among which are the explanatory appendix to the newly revised code of playing rules, and the statistics of the series of contests for the world's championship. This is by far the best edition of the work that has been published, and its variety of information makes it both useful and interesting to professionals and amateurs alike.
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SOFTER than the rustle of an angel's wing, sweeter than the music of Apollo's lyre, more entrancing far than note from Orpheus' lyre, is the voice of him who says: "Put me down for a year's subscription."—Anneton Hot Bath.

THE girls of St. Louis have found a "kiss trust," and now the boys are talking of prosecuting them under the law which prohibits the forestalling of necessities of life.—Chicago News.

THE DEAD LOCK.

Some Amusing Scenes and Incidents in the National House of Representatives.

[Special Cor. Chicago Times.]
The bright morning of the eighth calendar day of the session upon the direct-tax bill dawned upon weary and forlorn-looking groups of Representatives, who stood guard to watch each other.
The extraordinary number of roll-calls and the length of the session has badly demoralized the reading clerks, and various employees of the House have been tried as substitutes, with indifferent success. As one clerk with insufficient vocal ability was "trying" the roll-call on a Shawnee Indian, when the roll was discovered, a Deputy United States Marshal, with a party of six and four Indian police, gave pursuit and came up with the negro thieves, who at once opened fire upon the officers with Winchester, unloading one policeman at the first round. A regular pitched battle then followed, in which two of the negroes were killed, and one policeman mortally wounded, dying soon after. The Marshal was also badly wounded. The horses were recovered.
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HORSE THIEVES LYNCHED.

A Deputy Marshal's Posse Has a Severe Battle with Outlaws in No Man's Land.

[Oklahoma Ind. Ter. special.]
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